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A SEARCH FOR THE APEX OF AMERICA. By Annie S. Peck. Dodd, Mead & Company, New York.

Besides being a veracious account of scientific attainment this book is tremendously interesting—as a record of the persistent and undaunted courage of a woman who without influence or friends climbed the two great heights of Mt. Sorata and Mt. Huascarán. What struggles to collect funds by no means adequate to the undertaking and such as a man would have refused to start with,—what disappointments in the men who accompanied her, and who though willing to take her money, failed her at the most critical moments, what terrors of cold and short rations! The writer and heroine, Miss Peck, makes light of what seems to the reader veritable horrors, and she remarks with all appearance of gravity that “The perils of city life, especially in New York, I have long deemed greater than those of mountain climbing,” and it is plainly writ that, after the years of effort had passed, the most disagreeable memory was of the effort to raise funds. She says pathetically that the people who were sympathetic were mostly impecunious, and those who had plenty of money were indignant that a mere woman should feel herself competent to such an undertaking. She was credited with being insane by the more charitable, and it was only by the most exhausting effort that she collected money to make her two expeditions. Incidentally the book contains much interesting matter regarding South America. In this connection she remarks, “I have been inspired to hope that by drawing attention to the magnificent scenery of the Andes and to other matters observed in my travels, I might augment the awakening interest in our sister republics beyond the equator, thus helping to promote travel, commerce and trade between the two sections, and the construction of the Pan-American Railway. To aid, in a small degree, the cause of peace, by increasing our knowledge of countries with which we have too little acquaintance, a bond of sympathy and union, taking the place of crass conceit and narrow prejudice, has seemed to me, even more worth while, than the slight contribution I hoped to make to the world’s scientific knowledge.”

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